

# NEWS of the district

## Prestigious plant

ORANGEVILLE—Canadian Westinghouse has announced it will build a new plant in Orangeville and has purchased more than 20 acres of land for its construction.

The new industry will be part of the company's recently-formed Portable Products Division.

The plant will be located on Third Street, near the Orangeville Drive-In Theatre on the Orangeville Sales Barn property.

Mayor Gordon Bredin described the new manufacturing operation as a "prestige plant". He said the Westinghouse building will be a showplace facing the Orangeville by-pass.

The mayor said construction on the plant is expected to start within three weeks and September has been set as the completion date.

## Judge Ord explains

GEORGETOWN—Two weeks ago, Judge John D. Ord walked out of a Halton board of education meeting in Milton, after announcing his resignation from the Georgetown continuing committee in protest over a \$4,000 salary hike given the board's top administrators.

Salaries of administrator J. W. Singleton and assistant director Douglas Lawless were raised to \$31,500 and \$29,000 in a 10-8 vote at the meeting. Original salaries were four thousand dollars lower when the men were hired in December.

Judge Ord attended the town council meeting to explain his resignation.

"You have done a service in your one-man walkout," he was told by Cr. Em Hyde. "For years council has tried to show taxpayers the tremendous cost of education but no one seems to realize 60c of every tax dollar is going to this department."

Mayor Wheldon Emmerson said announcement of the salary increases "has been one of the most startling things" which has happened on the municipal scene and is making people realize just what education is costing.

While the judge appeared to have cooled down somewhat since his original action, he told council that the salary rise will undoubtedly spark a move for more money all along the line.

"This was a 15 per cent increase on two already high salaries," he pointed out. "The provincial government is stressing economy today, but apparently not in this area."

Judge Ord said that the greatest surprise had been to find that the board members from Georgetown and Acton had been the deciding factors in the 10-8 vote.

"I am disappointed that usually conservative North Halton took this action," he said. He said that Sarnia pays \$29,500 for a similar position.

With regional government in the offing here, he said some Georgetown councillors may some day be on a regional council.

"I hope when you do that you will carefully scrutinize salary scales," he said. "I feel the duty of a school board is to give the education of students and the use of the tax dollar equal consideration."

## Travelling blacksmith

GEORGETOWN—The magic words "blacksmith's shop" conjure up a vision of blazing fire, blown high by bellows, red hot metal, black flickering shadows, and a mighty, brawny smith wielding a large hammer on the anvil, while patient horses stand nearby.

The only similarity to the present day blacksmith shop is the patient horses. The blacksmith, contrary to popular belief, is not a vanishing breed put out of business by the horseless carriage, but a lively flourishing one with a few modern twists.

Such a one is Mike Leppard, who lives at Wynfield Stock Farms, R.R. 3, Georgetown but travels within a one hundred mile radius, to be the shoemaker for the horse trade.

This blacksmith's shop is a mobile one, a completely equipped trailer, where the blacksmith comes to the horses. The large blazing fire has been replaced with an acetylene torch, which does an equally good, if less spectacular job of heating the metal to glowing white heat. A small anvil is used to shape the metal and the shoes are made.

Mr. Leppard has been in the business for eleven years, but only recently came to Georgetown from Ottawa. In this area the business is booming, he says, and getting better every day. It seems everyone is buying horses. He also trains horses. He recommends the business to any one who likes freedom and a good living.

## Winged poacher

GEORGETOWN The huge winged poacher that has been playing tag with pets and small livestock on Georgetown's western outskirts may be a Godhawk, according to Peter Snider of Wynfield Nurseries, R.R. 3, Georgetown.

Mr. Snider who has seen and identified Godhawks near his home said he has noticed many more in this vicinity than in past years. He said they have quite an impressive wing spread and fit the description of the birds that have been harassing rural residents.

Mrs. W. Burt who lives on the 6th Line is the latest to report sighting of a large mystery bird. She said she watched it pick off a mouse as it scurried across the snow near her house one morning.

"It almost got our cat one day, about a month ago, and gave it such a scare it won't go outside now," she said.

An Ann Street resident and a Ballmafad area farmer have also reported seeing the bird in action. They said it was large enough to be an eagle.

(Our suggestion: maybe an American bald eagle who came north to avoid the draft?)

## Save old P.O.

FLORA Concerned citizens of Flora and district are circulating a petition which, it is hoped, will cause the federal government to reconsider any plan they may have finalized regarding demolition of the Elora Post Office.

Citizens contended that "destruction of this valuable edifice is entirely without justification." That expansion "of the present building on property already in the possession of authorities" is the appropriate measure.

Many people feel strongly that moving the post office facility from its present site will disrupt the balance within the commercial life of the village. Most members of council and planning board, acting individually, and as private citizens, signed the petition.

Very few dissenting voices have been heard. One main street resident refused to sign the petition because the clock in the post office tower woke him up from time to time every night.

The present Elora post office structure is a 57-year-old limestone building with a metal-clad roof. Citizens have been assured that the building is basically sound; no serious structural defect exists.

The post office staff is expected to move by April to temporary quarters.

## Want customs port

MILTON—Discussion at a special meeting suggested Milton should have a custom's port of entry and terminal warehouse—both of which Acton has. A special three-man sub-committee was formed by the industrial committee and representatives of local industry to investigate difficulties in cartage and freight shipping in Milton.



HONORABLE MENTION awards were presented to public speakers by W. L. McNeil following the Milton-Acton-Nassagaweya finals Friday. Left to right are Mary Claire Stinson, Milton; Sandy Higgins, Milton; Mr. McNeil; Pauline McEachern, Milton; Karen Pearce, Brookville and Norman Moore, Brookville. The two Acton contestants placed first and second to continue into the county finals. (Staff Photo)

## Boy first, girl second

# Name two Acton public speakers to enter Halton finals Friday

The seven top public speakers from Nassagaweya, Milton and Acton faced the final inspectorate speak-off Friday evening in Acton's Robert Little school. The two speakers who were in their home auditorium, Richard Rocher and Susan Shoemaker, were placed first and second to represent this area at the county finals in Oakville

on Valentine's Day. A roar of applause from fellow-students in the audience greeted the announcement of winners.

Richard Rocher talked his way to first place on Biafra, while Susan Shoemaker's subject was Nancy Greene.

Honorable mention awards went to Norman Moore, Brookville, on the Loch Ness monster; Pauline McEachern, Milton, on the Volkswagen; Sandy Higgins, Milton, on Dreams; Mary Claire Stinson, Milton, on Dogs and Karen Pearce, Brookville, on Capital Punishment.

Each area had selected one judge. Henry Stanley from Campbellville; Mrs. Janet Harrison of Guelph and the Rev. Harry Dawson of Acton.

William Sanford was timekeeper, announcing times ranging from 5.24 seconds to a near overtime 7.09.

Richard Rocher's top speech clocked in at 5.50 seconds just about half way between the required five and seven minutes.

Robert Little principal G. W. McKenzie welcomed the crowd of about 120 and acted as master of ceremonies. He said he was especially happy to see two boys in competition. Explaining the gaily-painted backdrops on the platform, he said the school's traditional operetta will be presented this week with a Mexican theme.

Former area superintendent W. L. McNeil presented awards to all the competitors, congratulating both them and their parents.

While the judges were totalling up the marks in different categories for each speaker, two dances from the upcoming school operetta entertained the audience. Mexican Hat Dance and Mexican Plate Dance. Teacher Mrs. Sanford was in charge.

## EDEN MILLS

# Newly formed club seeks Community Club sponsor

By Mrs. R. Wright

The sympathy of Eden Mills and district is extended to three families, Mr. and Mrs. Legate in the loss of a daughter; Mrs. William McLean in the loss of a brother and sister in one week; Mrs. Funston and Mr. J.

## OBITUARY

# John A. Ryder buried at Guelph

John Alvin Ryder passed away at St. Joseph's Chronic Hospital, Guelph, on January 23. He is survived by his wife Ella Knight, and sisters, Mrs. James Tolton, Guelph; Mrs. John Allan, Acton; Mrs. Ted Hancock, Galt and brother Earl of Georgetown.

Funeral service was held from Wall's Funeral Home. Due to the illness of Rev. Waugh, the service was conducted by Rev. Patron, a former minister, of Chalmers United Church, where Mr. Ryder was a member.

Interment was in Woodlawn cemetery, Guelph.



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# Rev. Kenneth Griffiths buried at Louisbourg N.S.

Rev. Kenneth Griffiths passed to his reward suddenly on Dec. 27, 1968, while spending a quiet evening at home with his family. He had been away at Presbytery all day, and had addressed the student ministers.

Of Welsh extraction, the Griffiths have a musical gift, which has enriched many lives.

Mr. Griffiths served in the Royal Air Force during the Second World War. He was shot down early in the combat and remained a prisoner-of-war for five years.

After leaving the old country, Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths lived in Aurora for a while before coming to Guelph. There he became a buyer for the General Electric Company for two years.

Becoming convinced that God wanted his full-time service, Mr. Griffiths left this lucrative position and became the minister of the Arkell-Eden Mills-Ebenezer pastoral charge of the United Church. He made a great contribution to organizing and inspiring these churches, while carrying on his studies at

## OBITUARY

# Mrs. Burke

Area civic leaders paid tribute this week to Burlington's Deputy-Reeve Mrs. Evelyn Burke, who died Friday of cancer.

Flags on Burlington's municipal buildings were flown at half mast and municipal officials from all over Halton joined a throng at her funeral Monday.

Mrs. Burke spearheaded the drive for the \$15,000,000 Burlington Mall and served in a number of community endeavours before joining Burlington council in 1967. She became Deputy-Reeve in 1968 and joined the Halton County Council where she was an outspoken and active councillor. As a county councillor she was a member of the board of health and the Children's Aid Society board of directors. She was also a member of the 1969 county council although illness prevented her from attending any meetings.

Her husband Gerald, a son, a daughter and eight brothers and sisters survive her.

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